

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Application of: TOCHISHITA, et al.

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Examiner: Timothy H. Meeks

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For: **SURFACE-TREATING, SUPPORT MEMBER, SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER,
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS**

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: March 9, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated **September 9, 2003** of the Primary Examiner.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A petition for a 3 month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection is being filed herewith.
2. ☒ A timely response to the Final Rejection is being filed herewith, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
3. ☒ Fee -\$330.00 enclosed

In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

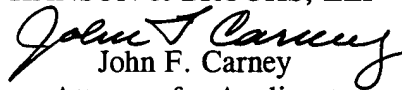
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